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ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# MINUTES

— OF THE —

«Seventy-fourth • Annual • Session»

— OF THE —

## Muscle Shoals Baptist Association,

— HELD WITH —

The Baptist Church, Danville, Ala.

«September 29th & 30th, and October 1st & 2d, 1893.»

### OFFICERS:

ELD. JACKSON GUNN, Moderator,  
ELD. JOSEPHUS SHACKELFORD, Clerk  
W. D. IRWIN, Treasurer

Trinity, Ala.  
Danville, Ala.

### Executive Board, Moulton, Ala.

O. D. GIBSON,  
A. W. BAILEY,  
D. A. BURLISON,  
W. D. IRWIN,

J. M. KICHENS,  
A. L. MOODY,  
J. C. TISWELL,  
J. M. SANDLIN,

J. M. SHOSKAKER,  
H. B. IRWIN,  
DR. R. M. SIMPSON,  
W. D. IRWIN, Treas.

### Board of Ministerial Education, Decatur, Ala.

JACKSON GUNN  
H. A. McCLELLAN,

W. M. BLACKWELDER,  
W. H. SIMPSON, JOHN GIBSON,

A. E. BURNS,  
WM. EAST.

1893:

E. Comstock, Jr., The Printer,  
Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon at 11 a. m., Friday.
2. After intermission—Friday afternoon—the Moderator shall call the Association to order and appoint reading clerks.
3. Read letters from the churches and enroll delegates.
4. Elect officers.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Call for correspondence from other bodies.
7. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
8. Appoint committees, viz: 1. On Devotional Exercises. 2. State of Religion. 3. Deceased Ministers. 4. Documents. 5. Finance Committee.
9. Call for report of Board of Trustees of Baptist Male and Female Institute at Moulton.
10. Call for report of Executive Board.
11. Saturday morning—Religious Exercises one half hour.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Appoint messengers to corresponding bodies.
14. Call for Treasurer's Report.
15. Call for Report of Board of Ministerial Education.
16. Report of Missionaries.
17. Report of Standing Committees in the order of their appointment.
18. Report of other committees in their order.
19. Appoint time and place of next meeting and the preaching of the Introductory Sermon and the alternate.
20. Miscellaneous Business.
21. Read the minutes, call the roll and adjourn.

The next session will be held with Moulton Baptist church, commencing on Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1894.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICE.

* Burns, A. E.....Tuscumbia, Ala.	* Deveneau, J. M.....Isbell, Ala.
* Bragg, T. R.....Moulton, "	* Blackwelder, W. M.....Decatur, "
* Dawson, J. D.....Town Creek, "	* Comstock, O. E.....Sheffield, "
* Gunn, Jackson....Trinity Sta., "	* Finney, Mike.....Newburg, "
* Hembree, J. H.....Danville, "	* Gibson, Jas. S.....Mt. Hope, "
* Huckabee, J. B.....Hartsell, "	* McClannahan, J. D.....Hartsell, "
* Roan, Jas. E.....Somerville, "	* Norwood, R. W.....Courtland, "
* Shackelford, Jos.....Danville, "	* Roberts, J. M.....Brick, "
* Spain, Wm.....Moulton, "	* Speer, John.....Trinity Sta., "
* Sandlin, Jas. W. New Decatur, "	* Smith, W. G. W.....Falkville, "
* Stephenson, E. D.....Danville, "	* Thompson, J. N.....Falkville, "
* Wright, W. E.....Somerville, "	* Wear, R. T.....Mt. Hope, "
* Wright, J. S.....Somerville, "	* Wear, L. A.....Landersville, "
* Weaver, T. J.....Somerville, "	* Weaver, J. E.....Lawrence's Cove, "
* Deveneau, Jas. W.....Isbell, "	* Odell, J. T.....Town Creek, "
* Preston, A. J.....Decatur, "	* Pace, J. O. A.....Russellville, "

NOTE—Those marked with a Star, are regularly engaged in preaching to from one to four churches.

# MINUTES.

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The delegates composing the seventy-fourth annual session of the Muscle Shoals Baptist Association convened with the Baptist church at Danville, Morgan county, Alabama, on Friday, September 29th, 1893, at 11 a. m.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. M. Blackwelder, from I. Timothy, vi:12: "Fight the good fight of Faith." After the sermon there was a recess until 2 o'clock p.m.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association assembled at the appointed time.

Elder J. Gunn, the former Moderator, called the Association to order. The former Clerk, Elder Jos. Shackelford, took his place at the Clerk's table. A selection of Scripture was read by the Moderator, after which a hymn was sung, and prayer was offered by Elder J. N. Thompson.

Brothers J. C. Orr, J. C. Tidwell and A. E. Burns were appointed reading clerks.

The letters from the churches were read and the names of the delegates enrolled as follows:

Bethel (L)—Charles C. Kerby, J. B. Kent.  
Bethel (M)—W. H. Lorance, J. W. Stephenson.  
Bethany—T. W. Owen.  
Blue Springs—Marion Briscoe, B. H. McCarley.  
Cave Spring—Letter, no delegates.  
Central, New Decatur—W. M. Blackwelder, W. H. Simpson, C. E. Malone.  
Danville—W. T. Cobbs, J. G. Orr, James M. Simpson.  
Decatur, First—Josephphus Shackelford.  
Enon—A. J. Walker, J. M. West, J. T. Wallace.  
Etha—E. A. Jones.  
Falkville—J. N. Thompson, Albert Briscoe, J. L. Thomas.  
Friendship—Thomas McDaniel, J. W. Walker.  
Furnace Hill—Letter, no delegate.  
Gum Springs (L)—Letter, no delegate.  
Gum Springs (M)—James E. Roan, Terry R. Culver.  
Harmony—J. A. Walker, W. S. Howell, H. A. Bragg.  
Hartsell—J. C. Orr, J. B. Huckabee, J. D. McClanahan.  
Hopewell—J. J. Sandlin, W. F. Orr.  
Hillsboro—Letter, no delegate.  
Lebanon—W. J. Briscoe, S. J. Wilhite.  
Liberty—W. H. Clayton.

Macedonia (F)—Mike Finney.  
 Macedonia (M)—J. A. Frederick.  
 Moulton—O. D. Gibson, J. M. Sandlin, E. W. Bussey.  
 Mt. Zion (M)—J. J. Thompson, C. Thompson.  
 Mt. Zion (L)—George Roden.  
 Mt. Hope—J. S. Gibson.  
 Mt. Nebo (M)—J. R. Witt.  
 Mt. Nebo (L)—John A. Byars.  
 Mt. Pisgah—G. H. Hughes, J. W. Gibson.  
 New Hope—J. R. Blackman, A. C. Harris.  
 New Prospect—F. M. Caruth, James Pearson, V. E. Sandlin.  
 New Decatur, 1st—J. W. Sandlin, W. C. Buck, A. Sherman.  
 New Center—S. T. Wright, W. B. Bryant, G. L. Cook.  
 New Friendship—J. L. Leemon, W. F. Miller, W. J. Blankenship.  
 Okolona—W. D. Brasswell.  
 Pleasant Grove—T. R. Bragg, Rush Stockton.  
 Pleasant Hill—J. Gunn, Jos. Robinson, R. Aday.  
 Russellville—A. J. Preston, J. O. A. Pace.  
 Sheffield—Letter, no delegates.  
 Salem—J. W. Key, H. E. Weatherwax, A. F. Rutherford.  
 Shady Grove—J. S. Howell, J. A. Moore, C. M. Livingston.  
 Shoal Creek—M. Tapscott, R. H. Yeager, J. H. Clemons.  
 Somerville—T. J. Weaver.  
 Tuscumbia—A. B. Burns, A. L. Moody.  
 Town Creek—R. T. Wear, L. A. Wear, Emmet Gibson.  
 Isbell—Letter, no delegates.

The following members of the Executive Board being present were enrolled as members of the Association: Thos. Lynch, O. D. Gibson, A. L. Moody, W. B. Irwin.

After the enrollment of the names of the delegates, the Moderator announced that the Association was ready for business. The first business in order was the election of officers.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers by ballot, which resulted in the choice of Elder J. Gunn as Moderator, and Elder Jos. Shackelford as Clerk. Bros. Daniel Orr, J. C. Tidwell, and E. D. Stephenson acting as tellers.

Brother Gunn made a few remarks thanking the Association for their expression of renewed confidence in him, and promising to do the best within his power to advance the business of the Association.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

On motion of Brother W. T. Cobbs, the order of business as printed in the minutes of last year was made the order of business for this session.

#### PETITIONARY LETTERS.

A letter was received from Dancy's Grove church petitioning for membership, but, owing to the fact that there was no delegate present from that church, the church could not be received, as the constitution provides that "a church may be admitted into the union, who shall

pétition by letter and delegates, if upon examination, she is found orthodox and orderly."—Art. 5.

There were no correspondents from other bodies.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats. Many brethren accepted the invitation.

#### COMMITTEES.

The Moderator appointed the following committees :

ON DEVOTION.—The pastor and Deacons of Danville church and Bros. O. D. Gibson and J. M. Sandlin.

ON STATE OF RELIGION.—J. D. McClanahan, W. T. Cobbs, and G. H. Hughes.

ON DOCUMENTS.—E. D. Stephenson, J. D. Walker, Jos. Robinson.

ON FINANCE.—J. M. Kichens to complete the standing committee.

ON DECEASED MINISTERS.—T. R. Bragg, J. E. Roan, J. S. Gibson.

Brothers Wm. Blackwelder and A. J. Preston were appointed to make a report on Home Missions, no member of the standing committee being present.

On motion it was agreed to have preaching to-night, and the committee on devotional exercises reported that Elder A. E. Burns would preach.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow at 8:30 o'clock a.m. Prayer by Brother J. W. Sandlin.

### SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1893.

The Association met at 8:30 o'clock.

After religious services, led by Brother A. J. Preston, the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

#### THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Brother O. D. Gibson read the Report of the Executive Board which was received and ordered to be spread on the minutes as follows :

We, your Executive Board, met in Moulton on the 12th day of November, 1892. O. D. Gibson, D. Burleson, W. G. Deleshaw, T. W. Lynch, H. B. Irwin, W. D. Irwin and T. J. Hutcheson were present. We found from a transcript of the pledges made to the Association, and the amounts on hand that we had \$330.00 as available for the year 1893. Whereupon, from vouchers we found, the different Mission Boards had received \$224.29. \$25.00 was appropriated to New Prospect Church to aid them in erecting a house of worship. \$75.00 was given to Russell Valley to be used by Bros. C. G. Lynch and Wm. East as they thought would accomplish most good \$25.00 was appropriated to Somerville Church to assist them in employing a pastor. Old Friendship Church was allowed \$50.00 to aid them in pro-

curing the services of Brother J. D. McClanahan as pastor. The Board did as they were instructed by the Association at its last session as regards the Baptist Female Institute at Moulton. On the 29th of November last a meeting was called and \$25.00 was allowed to Cave Spring Church, and the same amount to Gum Spring Church, in Morgan county, provided we collected enough to do so, after paying our previous pledges. It is with deep sorrow and profound regret that we announce to the Association the death of our esteemed Brother, T. J. Hutcheson, who was a member of the Board, and our efficient and trusted Secretary, and whose valuable services and advice will be missed greatly by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

September 30, 1893.

O. D. GIBSON, Chairman.

The following query was presented, and a committee consisting of Bros. A. E. Burns, W. M. Blackwelder, and J. B. Huckabee was appointed by the pointed Moderator to answer the same:

"Is it in accordance with the rules and principles of Baptists for the Pastor of a Baptist Church to invite all Christians of every creed or sect to come and give the right hand of Christian fellowship when receiving members into the Baptist Church? What right has he to extend the invitation.

ELDER J. H. HEMBREE.

On motion of Elder J. W. Sandlin, the hour of 2 o'clock p.m. on Sunday was set apart for the consideration of the "Young People's Movement."

#### MESSENGERS TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The following Messengers to corresponding bodies were appointed:

- To Liberty Association—Jos. Shackelford, J. W. Sandlin, John Speer, E. D. Stephenson, T. L. Simpson, J. N. Thompson.
- Big Bear Creek—M. Finney, A. E. Burns, A. L. Moody, A. J. Preston, J. O. A. Pace, Jos. Shackelford, John Speer, J. S. Gibson.
- Cullman—J. N. Thompson, W. M. Roan.
- Alabama Baptist State Convention—Jos. Shackelford, A. E. Burns, A. L. Moody, A. J. Preston, J. C. Orr, J. W. Sandlin.
- Southern Baptist Convention—A. L. Moody, A. E. Burns, Alternate.

#### MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

On motion, the Order of Business was suspended and the report of the Board of Ministerial Education was read and ordered to be spread upon the minutes, as follows:

The Board met October 10th, 1892, and at this meeting received applications for aid from Bros. J. W. Sandlin and Roan, the former to attend Howard College; the latter to attend school at Somerville. With the small amount in hand the Board could not offer but small assistance. The distribution of the funds as best the Board could make is shown by the Treasurer's report. Through lack of funds Brother J. W. Sandlin had to leave college after remaining there a short time, and Brother Roan could attend but part of the session at Somerville. It is at once apparent that the Association should increase her contributions to this purpose if much good is to be accomplished. Respectfully submitted,

J. GUNN, President of Board.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. M. BLACKWELDER

In Account with Ministerial Board of Education,

		Dr.	
1892.			
Oct. 3.	To cash from Hopewell Church, . . . . .	\$ 1 90	
	To cash from Cave Springs, . . . . .	1 75	
	To cash from Treasurer of Association, . . . . .	69 05	
" 18.	To cash from Mrs. Ed. Garrett, . . . . .	1 00	
Nov. 7.	To cash from Hopewell Church, . . . . .	35	
1893.			
April 1.	To cash from Mrs. Carrie Simpson, . . . . .	1 50	
	Total, . . . . .	\$75 55	
1892.			Cr.
Oct. 22.	By cash paid Brother J. W. Sandlin, . . . . .	\$ 60 00	
1893.			
Jan'y 10.	By cash paid Brother J. E. Roan, . . . . .	13 00	
Oct. 1.	By balance on hand, . . . . .	2 55	
	Total, . . . . .	\$75 55	

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. BLACKWELDER, Treasurer.

## EDUCATION.

The subject of education was then taken up.

1st. The Report on Ministerial Education was read by Brother R. T. Wear.

2d. Report of Board of Trustees of Danville School was read by Brother Jos. Shackelford. The whole subject of education was then discussed by Bros. Shackelford, J. W. Sandlin, A. J. Preston, Marion Briscoe, J. G. Orr, W. M. Blackwelder, E. D. Stephenson and A. E. Burns, after which Brother Shackelford was permitted to take subscriptions for the Danville school upon the following plan: One-fourth the amount subscribed to be paid on the 1st of January 1894; one-fourth on the 1st of July, 1894; one-fourth on 1st January, 1895, and one-fourth on 1st of July, 1895.

The subscriptions taken Saturday and Sunday amounted to \$252.50.

On motion the Moderator was authorized to appoint agents in each church to work for the school at Danville.

The report on Ministerial Education and report of Trustees of Danville school were adopted as follows:

## REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Ministerial Education regrets that it must voice the sentiment of the committee a year ago, that this part of the work of this body does not receive the support from the



churches it should. It saddens our hearts to know there are so many God-fearing men who are decidedly opposed to the education of young ministers. They say whom God calls He qualifies. They forget that the twelve Apostles whom Jesus chose, though they were illiterate men, yet they were taught for three years by the best teacher earth ever knew, consequently were educated before they began their life work. Paul was an educated man, hence he was prepared to preach the gospel in the metropolis of the world. He did not use his learning to make a show, but to simplify the truth, as it is in Jesus, so now those who are called of God into the ministry and have received an education, are only the better prepared to glorify God, and do good to their fellow-man. Another fact that is forgotten is, that those ministers who have never gone to college, or had the advantages of Higher Education, are by no means uneducated men. They have studied at home, and by associating with men who were educated, have gained knowledge that enables them efficiently to preach the gospel. But what they have, they have been almost a life time in obtaining, and might have acquired in much less time had they been educated. The cry comes from many that education sometimes ruins ministers. It may ruin men who professed to be ministers, but never, in our opinion, a man who is truly called of God. Then by all means let us educate our young ministers. The cause of Christ needs strong men to meet the damnable heresies that are abroad in our land. Yes, strong men! Strong intellectually, morally and spiritually.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. WEAR.

T. R. BRAGG.

#### REPORT OF TRUSTEE OF DANVILLE SCHOOL TO THE MUSCLE SHOALS ASSOCIATION.

Dear Brethren :

The Board of Trustees of the North Alabama Baptist Collegiate Institute and Normal School beg leave to submit this their first annual report to your body. The Board held its first session at Decatur, Alabama, in November last, and organized temporarily, by electing Judge A. L. Moody, of Colbert county, President, and Rev. Joseph Shackelford, of Morgan county, as Secretary. A Charter for the school was prepared and agreed upon, and a committee appointed to secure its passage by the Legislature of Alabama. It was also agreed that the school should open in the Fall of 1893. The Board then adjourned to meet in May 1893. The second meeting of the Board took place

Danville, in June 1893, the May meeting having been postponed. At this meeting the property donated by the citizens of Danville and vicinity, was received by the Board, with a deed to the property, which consists of a two acre lot of land, upon which is erected two large two story buildings containing fourteen rooms all of which are well adapted for school purposes. There were some of the conditions which were not fully complied with by the citizens of Danville, such as furnishing desks and etc., but the Board accepted the property and subscriptions and notes which were unpaid, with the hope that something might be realized from them. These subscriptions and notes amounted to something over \$150. As they are collected the money will be appropriated to the purchase of desks and other things needed about the buildings. At this meeting the Committee having charge of this matter, reported that a Charter for the school had been obtained from the Legislature at its last session under the title of the North Alabama Baptist Collegiate Institute and Normal School, giving full power to the Trustees and Teachers of the same to grant Diplomas to its graduates. The Board elected a Faculty for the school consisting of the following:

President—Rev. Joseph Shackelford, D. D.

Professor of English and Natural Sciences—John C. Tidwell.

Professor of Mathematics, Latin and French—Henry T. Lile.

Principal of Preparatory and Primary Departments—Miss Madgie Henderson.

Teacher of Art—Miss Jenn Orr.

Teacher of Music—Miss Anna C. Shackelford.

The Board has contracted no debt in the employment of the Teachers, they are to depend upon

the patronage of the school for their salaries. The Board also appointed a Local Board to take special charge of the school.

The school commenced its first session the 28th of August last. The attendance was not so large as we expected and desired, yet, under all the circumstances considering the financial troubles, encouraging. We are hopeful that our numbers will be greatly increased until we shall reach an enrollment of one hundred during the present session, we have now enrolled about fifty.

The Board at this meeting organized permanently by electing J. P. Whitman, of Huntsville, Alabama, President and Judge W. H. Simpson, of Decatur, Alabama, Secretary and Dr. J. M. Kitchens, of Danville, Alabama, Treasurer.

We suggest to the Association the appointment of three Trustees to fill the places of A. W. Bailey, Samuel Blackwell and A. L. Moody whose time expires with this session.

Your Board would earnestly beg the Association to rally around this Institution, which it has assisted in creating. The property which the good citizens of Danville and vicinity have given for school purposes is your property, it is your school, you can help make it a great blessing to the Baptist Denomination of Alabama and to the people generally. There are two things needed to make this school a success. The first is students. Give us the students and we will educate them. From the six thousand Baptists of the three Associations which have created this school, we ought to get at least three hundred pupils. Shall we have them? We have the buildings, and we have the teachers, now give us the pupils, and we will make you a school of which you will be proud. Secondly we need money to purchase such equipments for the school as will make us equal to other Institutions of like grade. We need at least \$1,000 now or within a short time. The Board makes the following suggestions to your body: Of the \$1,000 we think the Muscle Shoals Association ought to give \$500. We propose to raise the \$1,000 on the following plan: Those who subscribe to this fund will be asked to pay one-fourth of their subscription on the 1st of January 1894, one-fourth on 1st of July 1894, one-fourth on 1st of January 1895, one-fourth on 1st of July, 1895. Surely we can raise the amount on the plan suggested within the three Associations. Muscle Shoals Association out to raise the amount of \$500 with all ease. We trust your body will take the matter into consideration, and allow our President to make an effort to raise a part of the amount apportioned to your Association at this session, and that you will appoint an agent in each church to assist in raising the amount, and to work for students for the school. Let us know no such word as fail in this enterprise, but let us make an earnest effort to build up an institution of learning that will be an honor to the Baptists of North Alabama.

The Board wish to say, that young men preparing for the ministry, or ministers who wish to better prepare themselves for their work, are received free of tuition, when they come recommended by their churches, and the State Board of Ministerial Education, or the Ministerial Board of any Association. The sons and daughters of ministers regularly engaged in ministerial work are charged half price.

Trusting that you will take such steps as in your wisdom seem best to promote the prosperity of your school. We remain respectfully your servants,  
Done by order of Board.

W. H. SIMPSON, Sec'y.

Danville, Ala., Sept. 14, 1893.

On motion of Brother Buck each delegate pledged himself to work for the school and take up collections for the same.

On motion adjourned to 2 o'clock p.m.

Prayer By Brother T. R. Bragg.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Brother Mike Finney.

#### MISSIONS.

The subject of Missions was then taken up. The report on State

Missions was read by Brother A. E. Burns. The report on Associational Missions was read by Brother John Speer. The report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. M. Finney. The report on Home Missions was read by Bro. A. J. Preston. The general subject of Missions was then discussed by Bros. O. D. Gibson, J. Speer, R. T. Wear, J. C. Orr, A. E. Burns and J. W. Sandlin. The report on Colportage work was read by Brother W. M. Blackwelder and the discussion of the general subject continued by Bros. Shackelford, J. S. Gibson, A. J. Preston and J. B. Huckabee, and after prayer by Bro. R. T. Wear, pledges were taken for Missions and Ministerial Education, after which the reports were adopted in the order in which they were read.

PLEDGES FROM CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS FOR MISSIONS AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

	MISSIONS.	MIN. ED.		MISSIONS.	MIN. ED.
Bethel (L)	\$10 00	\$2 50	Bethel, (M)	\$ 5 00	
Cave Spring,	4 00*		Danville,	50 00 (\$8.40	
Decatur, 1st,	10 00			pd f.c.) 5 00	
New Decatur,			N. Decatur, 1st,	50 00	
Central,	60 00	10 00	Etha,	5 00	
Enon,	15 00	5 00	Falkville,	10 00	
Friendship,	5 00		Gum Sp'gs, (M)	6 50*	
Harmony,	10 00		Hillsboro.	25 00	
Hopewell,	10 00		Hartsell,	15 00	
Lebanon,	7 50*		Liberty,	10 00	
Macedonia, (F)	5 00		Okalona,	5 00	
Mt. Zion, (L)	5 00		Mt. Zion, (M)	5 00*	
Mt. Nebo, (F)	20 00		Mt Hope,	10 00	5 00
Mt. Pisgah,	4 00*		Moulton,	30 00	5 00
New Hope,	2 40*		New Prospect,	5 00	
New Center	5 00		Pleasant Grove,	3 85*	
Russellville,	20 00	10 00	Somerville,	5 00	
Shady Grove,	5 00		Pleasant Hill,	15 00	
Tuscumbia,	25 00	10 00	Town Creek,	20 00	5 00
Isbell,	10 00	5 00	Moulton S. S.	5 00*	5 00
Tuscumbia S. S.	10 00		A. L. Moody,	5 00	*5 00
Grand Total,	- - - -	- - - -		\$528 25	\$72 50

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

"Thus it is written, that Christ should suffer, and should rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name unto all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem, ye are witnesses of these things."—Luke 24:46-8.

"Ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and unto the utmost part of the earth."—Acts 1:8.

The above Scriptures are quoted to show the emphasis the founder of Missions placed on State Missions. While "all nations" and "the utmost part of the earth," are to be reached with gospel, the Lord of life and glory

\* Paid to Finance Committee.

would have us note that the nearest way to those is through the evangelization of "Jerusalem" and "Judea." The State Board of Missions, of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, is carrying out that idea of the Lord in sustaining and helping to sustain the gospel in the centres of population, new towns, and destitute portions of the state. Years of experience have demonstrated the wisdom of the course pursued by the Board. God has set the seal of His approval on it. Strong self-sustaining and progressive spirited churches have been built up, that stand as cities set on a hill, whose light cannot be hid. The most regular and liberal contributors to missions in Alabama to-day are churches that only a few years ago, were the beneficiaries of the State Board of Missions. Those churches while being helped were required to take regular collections for missions, and thus they were led to test the truthfulness of the Lord's saying: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." While thus faithfully fostering the cause in the state, our Board has with equal assiduity labored for the development of the mission spirit that embraces the whole world by becoming the active agent for the collection of funds for Home and Foreign Missions, and persistently urging all its beneficiaries to contribute regularly, frequently and liberally. The State Board knows that contributions to Home and Foreign Missions do not diminish gifts to State Missions. On the contrary, the liberal contributors to Home and Foreign Missions are the Aarons and Hurs that stand close by it and hold up its hands. Thus helping the other Boards it effectually helps itself, again practically illustrating the Lord's saying already quoted. The State Board, therefore, is not afraid of robbing Peter to pay Paul. It persistently discourages the "in our bounds," and "along our borders" idea, the tendency of which is to dry up the fountains of liberality, and paralyze the spirit of missions. We bespeak for the State Board of Missions, the prayers, contributions and cordial co-operation of the churches and the entire Association.

Fraternally submitted,

A. E. BURNS,  
J. D. McCLANAHAN.

#### REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Associational Missions wish to submit the following as their report: In looking over our field of Associational Work we find that much has been done through the wise management of our Executive Board. Weak churches have been strengthened and caused to grow self-sustaining. Many places that were destitute of Baptist preaching have had the efficient labors of our missionaries. We have many reasons to thank God and take courage. For the past two years, our minutes show a falling off of interest in Associational work. We feel that this ought not to be. We are not less equal to the task than in former years. We have not diminished in membership. Why this loss of interest? Is it on the part of our pastors, or people, or both? These are questions of no trifling importance. As God's stewards we will be called into an account some day. There is an increasing demand for Mission work in our Association. This is shown by the rapid growth of population in our railroad towns, and also in some country neighborhoods. Along with all these additions to the numbers, intelligence, capital and irrepressible activity of our population, there is the usual average of worldliness, wickedness, skepticism, infidelity, deism, heresy, and heterodoxy; and these elements are active for evil. A great and growing demand is thus thrust upon us, as stewards of the manifold grace of God, to put into these inviting fields a sufficient number of the most intelligent, cultivated, experienced, zealous and consecrated missionaries. We need men who are able, not only to meet the open opposition to the gospel, but successfully to expose and overcome all the false doctrine with which

our land is flooded. With diminished contributions for Associational Missions, and still smaller pledges for the year just closing our Executive Board could not provide for the work as heretofore. Your committee would recommend that our Association send out one or two missionaries to canvass our entire bounds. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN SPEER,  
J. W. SANDLIN,

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We learn from the last report of the Foreign Mission Board that \$155,937.23 were collected and paid out by said Board, during the last conventional year for the various objects and purposes of the Foreign Mission work. The largest amount perhaps ever collected in one year from our people. According to said report, we have in China 36 missionaries, 26 native assistants, 46 stations, 11 churches, 938 members, 75 baptisms, 11 schools, 360 students, contributions, \$1,722.89; Africa, 9 missionaries, 7 native assistants, 7 stations, 4 churches, 144 members, 20 baptisms, 3 schools, 125 scholars, \$215.80 contributions; Brazil, 18 missionaries, 6 native assistants, 34 stations, 12 churches, 453 members, 96 baptisms, \$1,344.17 contributions; Italy, 3 missionaries; 27 native assistants, 59 stations 17 churches, 347 members, 72 baptisms, \$559.56 contributions; Japan, 4 missionaries, 2 native assistants, 6 stations, 1 church, 27 members, 26 baptisms; Mexico, 22 missionaries, 10 native assistants, 33 stations, 30 churches, 1,014 members, 94 baptisms, 2 schools, 113 students, \$1,526 contributions; grand total, 92 missionaries, 78 native assistants, 185 stations, 75 churches, 2,923 members, 383 baptisms, 16 schools, 595 scholars, \$5,342.68 contributions. We thus see that much has already been done; but when we consider the territory yet unoccupied and the millions yet without the gospel, we are led to see that much more remains to be done, if we would carry out the commission of our Great Lawgiver, which we conceive to be binding upon all Baptists. We might say that the foundations of our mission work has just been laid with great self-sacrifice, and toil on the part of our missionaries. The question is, shall we continue the work until the grand temple is complete, and until the nations of the earth shall bow before God, and the isles of the sea shall praise Him. If so let us suggest, first, That the pastors make their flocks more thoroughly acquainted with the subject of foreign missions. This they can do by first acquainting themselves with the subject as taught in the Bible. Secondly, By taking the Foreign Mission Journal and such other literature as will inform them of the work which is being done, all of which is respectfully submitted.

MIKE FINNEY,  
E. D. STEPHENSON,  
G. H. HUGHES,  
Committee.

#### HOME MISSIONS.

We learn from the report of the Home Mission Board for the conventional year, ending May 1893, that 368 missionaries were employed during the year, who labored in eighteen states, the Indian Territory, and Cuba. There were 5,274 baptisms administered by the missionaries, and 11,247 received into the churches by them. While these numbers are not as great as former reports show, yet when we take into consideration the disadvantages under which we have labored, we ought to thank God and take courage. Our Board is free from debt for the first time in several years. The Board began the year with a debt of \$9,662.50 which has been paid. The \$22,854.30 due on the house of worship in Cuba has been paid, and a bal-

ance of \$2,784.50 is reported in its treasury. Its total cash receipts for the year have been \$106,989.58 of which \$29,373.40 have been expended in building churches. "The Home Field," published by the Home Board, Atlanta, Ga., is the most efficient agent we can employ to get the facts concerning our work before the people. Every member of this body should take and read the Home Field. The reports of the Home Board compare favorably with those of the State and Foreign Boards. While there have been some opposition to the Board yet the opposition has not been sufficiently great to effect its success. The blessings of God seem to have attended its efforts, and its existence is still thought by many to be a necessity. As long as this Board remains in existence we would recommend that we give it our sympathies, prayers and co-operation. Respectfully submitted,

A. J. PRESTON.

W. M. BLACKWELDER.

#### REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

The secretary of the Book and Colportage Department of the State Mission Board informs your committee that up to the present time the Board has had in its employ thirteen Colporteurs located in different parts of the State. They have bought of the Department about \$600 worth of books, and have paid in about \$250. The stringency in money matters makes it hard to do much in selling books. Yet these Colporteurs, some giving all their time, others only a part, are on the go, trying to do what they can in the Master's name distributing tracts, donating the Word of God to the destitute, preaching and holding services with families desiring the privilege of public worship. The sales of the books of the Department up to September 1st amount to \$3,527, this means three-fourths of the conventional year. We urge that all our Sunday Schools order their literature through this Board. The price is just the same as that of the publishers. In ordering through this Department, every school drops its mite in supporting the colportage work, and in aiding Sunday Schools in destitute circumstances. Your committee would suggest to this Association that it take into consideration as its present session, the advisability of appointing a Colporteur to travel in its bounds. We insist that all orders for Sunday School supplies, and for Bibles and religious books and tracts be forwarded to J. B. Collier, Opelika, Ala. May our people consider the importance of this work which means the education of the masses in scriptural teaching; the elevating of society to a higher plane; the cause of the Master advanced; and may their prayers and money be given to its support. Respectfully submitted,

W. M. BLACKWELDER,  
M. FINNEY.

The report of the Devotional Committee was read as follows:

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE SABBATH.

At the Baptist Church, 11 a.m.,	A. J. Preston
" " " " 7:30 p.m.,	A. E. Burns.
" " " " 3:00 p.m.,	Young Peoples' Meeting.
At the Methodist Church, 11 a.m.,	W. M. Blackwelder.
" " " " 7:30 p.m.,	R. T. Wear.
At Hopewell, Saturday night,	J. D. McClanahan.
At J. T. Hendon's, Sunday night,	John Speer.

On motion, the subject of Temperance was made the special order for to-night.

Adjourned. Prayer by Brother A. J. Preston.

#### NIGHT SESSION.

7:30 p.m., September 30th.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was opened by singing, reading of the Scriptures, and prayer by Brother L. A. Wear. The subject of Temperance was considered under the following resolutions which was offered in place of a report:

Resolved, That this Association re-affirms its declarations made at previous sessions on the subject of Temperance: That it is wrong for Christians to countenance the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, in any way whatever. That it is wrong for them to sign the recommendations of liquor sellers. That it is the duty of church members to do all they can by their influence to put down the traffic in spiritous liquors. The following brethren discussed the subject: J. C. Orr, W. M. Blackwelder, J. W. Sandlin, J. B. Huckabee, J. O. A. Pace and A. J. Preston, after which the resolution was adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following as a committee on Time and Place of meeting and preacher of Introductory and Alternates: C. C. Kerby, O. D. Gibson and G. H. Hughes. The subject of Sunday-schools was made the order of business for Sunday morning, at 9 o'clock.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Brother J. Speer.

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#### SABBATH EXERCISES.

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October 1st, 1893.

The Sunday-school meeting was held at the appointed hour Brother J. C. Orr presiding. After singing, reading of the Scriptures and prayer by Brother Orr, the report on Sabbath-schools was read by Brother J. M. Kitchens, and discussed by Brothers Orr, W. C. Buck, John Speer, E. D. Stephenson, J. S. Gibson, J. Gunn and A. J. Preston, after which the report was laid on the table until Monday morning. The Association adjourned until Monday at 8:30 a.m.

The brethren appointed to preach filled their appointments at the

Baptist and Methodist churches. There were large congregations at both places. The collections for missions at both houses amounted to \$18.55. The afternoon service at the Baptist church was in the interest of the "Young Peoples Movement." They were conducted by Bro. W. C. Buck who explained the object of the meeting and what was meant by the "Young Peoples Movement." He was followed by Brothers J. C. Orr, J. W. Sandlin, Jos. Shackelford, E. D. Stephenson and J. Speer.

Bros. Burns and Wear preached at night according to appointment.

#### FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

8:30 a.m., October 2d, 1893.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The religious services were led by Brother T. R. Bragg.

The minutes of Saturday and Sunday were read and approved. The Moderator appointed the following committee to recommend Trustees for Danville School: Jos. Shackelford, James Simpson and A. E. Burns.

The report on Sabbath Schools was taken from the table and adopted as follows:

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, report that we hope the condition of Sabbath Schools, is not so deplorable as the letters show: We find the following: Cave Spring has a good school; number of pupils, 50. Shoal Creek has no school. New Decatur has 7 officers and teachers, and 100 pupils, with an average attendance of 65. Bethel has 1 school. Decatur, officers and teachers, 5; pupils, 40. Moulton, no report except sent \$5 for Missions and \$5 for Ministerial Education. Tuscumbia, officers and teachers, 8; pupils 65; average attendance, 38; money raised, \$61.80. number baptized, 5. Enon, no school. Blue Spring, no school. Etha, no school. Friendship, no school. Harmony, officers and teachers, 6; pupils, 36. Hillsboro, officers and teachers, 5; pupils 35; average attendance, 20; number baptized, 1; money raised, \$5. Lebanon, no school. Hartsell, 4 teachers, 46 pupils. Liberty, a school. Mt. Nebo, in Morgan, no school, Macedonia, no school. Town Creek, officers and teachers, 7; average attendance, 60. Russellville, officers and teachers, 7; average attendance, 75; number baptized, 7; money raised, \$20. Mt. Nebo, in Franklin, no school. Mt. Pisgah, officers and teachers, 7; pupils, 69; average attendance, 48. Mt. Zion (L), no school. Mt. Hope, no school. New Hope, no school. Danville, officers and teachers, 7; pupils, 35; average attendance, 25; number baptized, 1; money raised \$12. Okolona, no school. Macedonia, no school. New Friendship, officers and teachers, 3; pupils, 40. New Prospect, no school. New Center, no school. Hopewell, no school. Rocky Creek, no school. Mt. Zion (L), 2 schools; No. 1, officers and teachers, 3; pupils, 16; No. 2, officers and teachers, 3; pupils, 16. Bethany, pupils, 65; average



attendance, 30; money raised, \$2.05. Shady Grove, officers and teachers, 5; pupils, 51; average attendance, 30. Salem, no school. Somerville, no school. Isbell, average attendance, 40. We find that, about 50 per cent. of our churches have schools. Thirty-four schools with 804 pupils, and only 18 have been baptized or added to the church. We hope the lack of interest is due in part as we have said, to a mistake in the letters. We recommend that the letters be more explicit. Respectfully submitted,

J. M. KICHENS.  
J. M. ROBERTS.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer, Brother Thos. W. Lynch made his report, which was received as follows:

T. W. LYNCH,

In account with Muscle Shoals Association :

1892.				CR.	
	October	3,	To cash from	Finance Committee . .	\$371 66
1893.	January	9,	" " "	Okolona church . . . .	5 00
	Sept.	29,	" " "	F. C. Owen's bequest .	20 00
	October	2,	" " "	Courtland church fund	16 00
	"	"	" " "	From Clerk . . . . .	5 65

\$418 31

1892.				DR.	
	October	3,	By cash paid	Brother Schramm . . . .	\$ 75 00
	"	"	" " "	" J. Speer . . . . .	135 00
	"	"	" " "	" J. D. McClanahan	35 00
	"	"	" " "	" H. J. Halbrook .	25 00
	"	"	" " "	Clerk's fee and minutes	75 00
1893.	October	2,	" " "	Extra for minutes, postage	3 15
	"	"	" " "	Balance on hand . . . . .	70 00

\$418 31

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. LYNCH, Treasurer.

We, your auditing committee, would respectfully report that we have carefully examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Association and find them correct.

W. H. SIMPSON, Chairman.

H. B. IRWIN,

C. G. LYNCH.

### REPORT OF MISSIONARIES.

The Missionaries were called on for their reports who reported as follows:

### REPORT OF A. J. PRESTON.

Brethren East and Lynch, in behalf of the Executive Board, agreed to

pay me \$75 to work in the West end of this Association one-fourth of my time from the 1st of February to the last of September. I have done more work than I agreed to do, as my church excused me for one half of my time. Since the first of July I have preached fifty-three sermons, delivered twelve lectures, baptized nine, received nine into the church by letter and watch care, organized one young men's prayer meeting, besides helping in two protracted meetings. I have received \$39.50. Respectfully submitted,

A. J. PRESTON.

#### REPORT OF J. D. McCLANAHAN.

I have received two appointments from your Board, to-wit: Friendship and Cave Spring. I have preached to each church monthly during this associational year. At Friendship I have had good congregations; I have preached several times in adjoining neighborhoods. I have made quite a number of family visits, insisting upon the people attending the house of worship. We had a meeting, embracing the fourth Sabbath in August, which lasted seven days. The church was spiritually built up. We had no conversions; several sinners were deeply convicted. We feel that the meeting was a success to the church and community. This church is weak financially and is but a small body, striving to keep house for God. It will take some time to work up a thriving church at this point but they are praying the Lord to revive their church. They would be thankful for any assistance from the Association to help them in sustaining a pastor.

We have had regular preaching at Cave Spring during this year. This is a small body which is located in the Tennessee Valley, and we think at a central point of population. There is quite a number of young people being raised up in this community, if converted will build up a large church. This church has a good Sunday School in the spring and summer months. We had a meeting embracing the fifth Lord's day in July, which lasted six days. We had the services of Brother J. E. Weaver. We had no conversions during our meeting, but the gospel was preached in power, and we feel that it will bring fruit to the honor and glory of God. In connection with the mission appointment from your Board, I have kept up three or four appointments in different portions of the Third District. I made one visit to Valhermosa Springs and preached to the church at that place. I had a large congregation. The church at that time had no pastor, but they have procured the services of Brother Wm. Wright. I feel disposed to say that there is more need of mission work in our district than any one man could do, if his whole time were employed in this field. I have received from Hartsell church \$6.75 on pledge for 1892. Received from Etha church, for 1893, \$1.65. From Hopewell, \$6.30, for 1892. Respectfully submitted,

J. D. McCLANAHAN

#### REPORT OF JOHN SPEER.

Brethren: Your Board gave aid to Somerville church to the amount of \$25, which enabled me to do them pastoral work. God is blessing your work at Somerville. Respectfully submitted,

J. SPEER.

#### REPORT OF J. B. HUCKABEE.

Dear Brethren: In pursuance of a call, as pastor by Gum Spring Baptist church, and a contract with your Mission Board, through Bro. D. A. Burleson for twenty-five dollars, I began work in October last with said church, and continued until this session, 12 months, on the

first Sabbath in each month and Saturday before, during four months I gave an extra appointment on the third Sabbath. At the August meeting we protracted nine days. I had Brethren James Roan and Wm. Wright to assist me. The Lord was with us. The church was much revived, and at that, and the September meeting, I baptized five. The total increase to date is eleven. The church has paid me her twenty-five dollars, the amount agreed on. I have received on account with the Board, from Gum Spring church, \$6.50. From Hartsell church \$15.00 and from Lebanon church \$3.50. Total \$25. Respectfully submitted, J. B. HUCKABEE.

[NOTE BY CLERK.—The above report was sent me by Brother O. D. Gibson, Chairman of Board, after adjournment of the Association. It was not read to the Association through oversight.]

On motion, the resolutions adopted at our last session, giving instruction to Executive Board, as to duty of missionaries and requirement of churches assisted by the Board were re-adopted as follows:

Resolved. That all churches receiving aid from our Board be required to take up collections at least once every three months.

Resolved 2d. That the missionaries employed be also required to take up quarterly collections at their preaching stations.

Resolved 3d. That the pastors preaching to such churches and the missionaries employed by the Board be requested to make quarterly reports of their work to the Board.

Resolved 4th. That the Executive Board be instructed to require all churches assisted by the Board to give so much as the Board may determine for the support of their pastors, and the Board supplement the same.

The Moderator appointed a committee to recommend the members of the Executive Board and Board of Ministerial Education and Treasurer. R. T. Wear chairman.

The proposed amendment to the Constitution, which proposed to reduce the number of delegates from each church, was then up, and on motion to adopt was lost.

The following resolution was offered by Brother F. M. Kent, and adopted:

Resolved, That this Association earnestly insists that the churches send delegates, hereafter, who will remain during the entire time of the Association.

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## DECEASED MINISTERS.

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Brother T. R. Bragg read the report on deceased Ministers which was adopted as follows:

Since our last Association death has invaded our ministerial ranks and summoned two of our fellow-laborers in the Lord's vineyard, to come up higher, to-wit: Elders W. A. Stockton, of Town Creek church, and A. B. Brindlee, of Gum Spring church. Morgan county; both ordained Ministers. Brother Stockton entered the ministry in 1859. Though but a youth, he entered the work of his Master with boldness, and preached the gospel with untiring zeal and unflinching integrity, ever willing and ready to defend the cause of Truth, and to expose error. He suffered much bodily pain, yet with calm resignation to his Master's will. He labored on and murmured not. After preaching the glorious gospel of the Son of God for over thirty years, he was permitted to lay down the weapons of war and enter the rest of the faithful. He died January, 1893, mourned by a bereaved family and a large circle of friends.

Brother Brindlee was a minister in the Methodist denomination for some twenty years. A man of deep piety. Becoming dissatisfied with his church relations and trying his claim by the unerring standard (the Bible) he was enabled to see himself without Scriptural baptism, and also without membership in the Church of Christ, he therefore abandoned his former views, and sought membership with the Gum Spring Baptist church in 1888, and was baptized into the fellowship of the same by Elder J. E. R. Roan. After preaching for five years as a regularly ordained gospel minister, he died in the faith, June 29, 1893, beloved by all who knew him.

Thus God is relieving some of his servants of hardships but as He calls them from earth, let us pray Him to send forth more laborers into his vineyard, and also remember in sympathy and help the bereaved families of our departed brethren.

Respectfully submitted,

T. R. BRAGG.

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## STATE OF RELIGION.

Brother J. D. McClanahan read the report on The State of Religion which was adopted as follows:

Your committee on State of Religion report that we are glad that the Lord has revived his work in our midst. Many precious souls have been saved, and our churches have been spiritually built up, and that the most of them report a Sunday-school in their churches, but some have not reported a prayer meeting. We hope that our churches will report at our next meeting. The command of our Savior was "Pray for all men." We feel that we are suffering spiritually because we do not ask, for He said, "Ask and ye shall receive." We should pray one for another, and ask God to give us our sons and daughters to work in His vineyard.

We are sorry that some of our churches are weak spiritually, as well as financially. We feel that nothing but the religion of Christ will give us strength. We are sorry that they have not been worked up to give of their substance to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our own bounds, and among the perishing millions beyond. We need more laborers in our own Association to instruct our people, and to teach them the religion of Jesus Christ. This will prepare the heart for every good word and work.

We would recommend that religious literature be distributed throughout our bounds, as a help to educate our people in every department of religious work. We would also recommend, that the pastors use their power and influence to bring about a greater interest on the part of their churches in Religious Work, and we trust that each church will come up at our next Association with a good report of the Lord's blessings showered down upon it and that each church will also send a liberal contribution to aid in spreading the religion of Jesus Christ throughout the world. Respectfully submitted,

J. D. McCLANAHAN, Chairman.

## REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Brother E. D. Stephenson read the report on documents which was adopted as follows:

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O. D. GIBSON,  
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Temperance—R. T. Wear, M. Finney, W. T. Cobbs.

Associational Missions—J. D. McClanahan, J. W. Sandlin, T. L. Simpson.

State Missions—A. J. Preston, J. O. A. Pace, J. B. Huckabee.

Foreign Missions—Jos. Shackelford, L. A. Wear, W. B. Irwin.

Home Missions—T. R. Bragg, J. T. Odell, W. C. Buck.

Colportage—J. I. Stockton, John W. Gibson, T. J. Weaver.

Sunday Schools—Dr. T. M. Jones, Jourdan White, L. R. Day.

Finance Committee—A. L. Moody, O. D. Gibson, A. W. Bailey.

Auditing Committee—W. H. Simpson, H. B. Irwin, C. G. Lynch.

#### MINUTES AND CLERK'S FEE.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved. That the clerk have printed 1,200 copies of the minutes of this Association and that we pay him \$25 for his services as clerk and superintending the printing and distribution of the same, and that the treasurer be authorized to pay for the same.

Brother J. O. A. Pace offered the following resolution which was adopted unanimously by a standing vote : Resolved that the thanks of this body be and are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and citizens of Danville and vicinity for their kind hospitality shown us during the session of this body, and we shall ever pray the blessings of God to rest upon them.

Brother A. J. Preston offered the following, which was adopted : Resolved, That each church be requested to bring up minute fund, and that minutes be distributed according to the amount of funds sent up by each church.

The committee to whom was referred the query of Brother J. H. Hembree reported, that on account of indefiniteness of verbage in the query they were unable to make a specific reply.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered by Brother E. D. Stephenson and were adopted :

Whereas, The school established at Danville, by the Liberty, Muscle Shoals, and Big Bear Creek Associations, is now in operation, with a full corps of teachers, and is every way worthy of patronage. Therefore;

Resolved. That we consider it the duty of the Baptists of the Muscle Shoals Association who purpose sending their sons or daughters off to school, to patronize this school.

Resolved, 2d. That we earnestly urge our people to use their influence to secure pupils for this school.

Resolved, 3d. That we approve the effort made by the Trustees

of the school to raise \$1,000 within the three Associations mentioned, to equip the school with needed school appliances, and we urge our brethren to contribute to this fund, and the churches to encourage the agents appointed in each church to make an effort to secure something in each church.

The following are the agents appointed in each church to secure subscriptions and contributions for the Danville school. All subscriptions and contributions will be reported to Elder Jos. Shackelford, Danville, Ala., by the agents:

Bethel (L), W. W. Nesmith and C. C. Kerby; Bethel (M), W. C. Hartsell; Bethany, T. W. Owen; Blue Spring, J. E. Weaver and Marion Briscoe; Cave Spring, James Ratcliff; Danville, J. C. Tidwell; Decatur, Mrs Sarah Adair; Enon, A. J. Walker; Etha, E. A. Jones; Falkville, T. L. Simpson; Friendship, Thos. McDaniel; Furnace Hill, O. E. Comstock; Gum Spring (L), A. S. Young; Gum Spring (M), J. E. Roan; Harmony, W. S. Howell; Hartsell, J. C. Orr; Hopewell, F. H. Orr, Hillsboro, W. J. Cottingham, Miss Fannie Wiggins; Lebanon, W. H. Junkins; Liberty, J. A. Neeley; Macedonia (M), J. A. Frederick; Mission Grove, John Yates; Moulton, Jourdan White; Mt. Zion (M), C. Thompson; Mt. Zion (L) George Roden; Mt. Hope, G. W. Jackson; Mt. Nebo (M), J. R. Witt; Mt. Nebo (F), Wm. East; Mt. Pisgah, G. H. Hughes; New Hope, J. R. Blackman; New Prospect, F. M. Caruth; New Decatur, First, W. C. Buck; New Center, S. T. Wright; New Friendship, W. E. Wright; Okolona, W. D. Brasswell; Pleasant Grove, Rush Stockton; Pleasant Hill, W. R. Simpson; Russele, Peter Clay; Sheffield, A. E. Burns; Salem, H. E. Weatherwax; Shady Grove, J. A. Moore; Shoal Creek, R. H. Yeager; Somerville, T. J. Weaver; Tusculumbia, A. L. Moody; Isbell, J. M. Deveneau; Valhermosa Springs, C. R. Cirbow; Macedonia (F), Mike Finney; Town Creek, R. T. Wear and Emmet Gibson.

#### DIVISION OF FUNDS.

The following resolution by Jos. Shackelford was adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Association be instructed to send all moneys specially contributed to the State, Foreign and Home Mission Boards, by the churches, to those boards; and that he send to those boards such moneys as he may be directed to send by the Executive Board, which board is hereby instructed to divide the funds contributed to this body, after paying all incurred obligations for the past year, between the different boards, Associational, State, Foreign and Home, according to their best judgment and the wants of the home field.

The report of Finance Committee was then read and adopted as follows: (See Table A.)

After singing and giving the right hand of fellowship, prayer was offered by Brother R. T. Wear and the Association adjourned.

JACKSON GUNN, Moderator.

JOSEPHUS SHACKELFORD, Clerk.

## RECAPITULATION.

OF TABLE "A"

	Cash	Vouchers	Total
For Associational Missions . . . . .	\$ 214 03	\$ 82 64	\$ 296 67
For State Missions . . . . .		118 62	118 62
For Home Missions . . . . .		46 70	46 70
For Foreign Missions . . . . .	17 35	16 60	33 95
For Ministerial Education . . . . .	31 90	10 00	41 90
Individual Pledges for Missions . . . . .	5 00		5 00
Individual Pledges for Education . . . . .	1 00		1 00
Bible and Colportage . . . . .		88	88
Minute Fund . . . . .	27 45		27 45
Centennial Fund . . . . .	19 75	156 03	175 78
Sunday Collection for Missions . . . . .	18 56	Subscri'n 60	19 16
Orphans Home . . . . .	25	05	30
Amount Paid Clerk . . . . .	75		
By Amount Paid Treasurer . . . . .	\$ 335 29	\$ 432 12	\$ 767 41



# Report of Finance Committee of Muscle Shoals Association.

CHURCHES	Associational Missions		State Missions		Home Missions		Foreign Missions		Ministerial Education		Minute Fund		Bible and Colportage		Individual Pledges for Missions		Individual Pledges for Education		Centennial Missions		Orphans Home	
	Cash	Vchs.	Cash	Vchs.	Cash	Vchs.	Cash	Vchs.	Cash	Vchs.	Cash	Vchs.	Cash	Vchs.	Cash	Vchs.	Cash	Vchs.	Cash	Vchs.	Cash	Vchs.
Bethel (L)	10 00								2 50		1 00											
Bethany	1 25																					
Bethel (M)	7 45																					
Blue Springs	5 50																					
Cave Springs	4 00																					
Decatur, First Church	4 82			15 02			2 36		2 65		1 00									15 00		5
Danville	46 55							3 75		3 36										10 00		
Enon	7 33								2 50										75			
Etha	1 40	1 65										50										
Friendship												1 05										
Falkville	5 00						5 00		1 00		1 00											
Furnace Hill																						
Gum Springs (L)	3 55											50										
Gum Springs (M)		6 50										1 00										
Harmony	10 00								2 50										2 50	3 65		
Hillsboro		11 74																				
Hopewell												1 50										
Hartsell		21 75										1 00										
Lebanon	3 08	3 50										1 25										
Liberty	8 00											50										
Macedonia (F)	5 00											1 00										
Mount Zion (L)	5 00											1 00										
Mount Hope																						
Moulton	20 00								10 00		1 00								3 00	15 50		
Sunday School	5 00								5 00													
Macedonia (M)	2 50											25										
Mount Pisgah	4 00											1 00								7 11		
Mount Nebo (M)	1 50											1 00			2 50				3 50			
Mount Nebo (F)	5 25	12 50																		20 71		
New Friendship							2 00					55										
New Prospect	7 00																					
New Decatur							38 00					1 00										
Okolona		5 00										50			2 50							
Pleasant Grove	3 85																					
Pleasant Hill	10 00								90			50										
Russellville		5 00									5 00											
Sheffield				25 08																3 00		
Salem							3 25					55										
Shoal Creek											1 00											
Somerville							3 35					50										
Shady Grove	5 00																					
Tuscumbia				40 10						5 00	5 00	1 50					1 00			62 92	25	
Town Creek	9 60									2 50									10 00	8 14		
New Hope	2 40											30										
Mount Zion (M)	5 00											1 00										
Rocky Creek												1 00										
Decatur Central						35 47	6 34	7 19			2 00			88						10 00		
Isbell		15 00																				
New Centre	5 00											50										
Total	214 08	82 64		118 62		46 70	17 35	16 60	31 90	10 00	27 45		88	5 00		1 00		19 75	156 03	25		

# SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

CHURCH.	NAME.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Bethany.	T. W. Owens.	Town Creek, Ala.
Central N. Decatur.	W. H. Simpson.	New Decatur, Ala.
Danville.	W. A. Petty.	Danville, Ala.
Decatur.	W. A. Byrd.	Decatur, Ala.
Furnace Hill.	O. E. Comstock.	Sheffield, Ala.
Hillsboro.	A. W. Bailey.	Hillsboro, Ala.
Hartsell.	L. B. Cornelious.	Hartsell, Ala.
Liberty.	W. J. Young.	Town Creek, Ala.
Mt. Zion.	J. A. Kidney.	Edmond, Ala.
Mt. Pisgah.	S. W. Gibson.	Flint, Ala.
Russellville.	N. Greenhill.	Russellville, Ala.
Sheffield.	E. Evans.	Sheffield, Ala.
Tuscumbia.	A. S. Stanley.	Tuscumbia, Ala.
Town Creek.	T. N. Jones.	Mt. Hope, Ala.

# Statistics of Muscle Shoals Association, 1893.

CHURCHES	County.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Clerk's P. O.	Membership Last Report	Increase by				Decreased by				Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Preaching Sabbaths	Prayer Meeting	Persons Revival.
						Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration	Exclusion.	Transfer.	Death.	Transfer.	Death.					
Bethel	Lawrence	J. R. NeSmith	C. C. Kerby	Avoca	178	14	7	1	7	4	1	187					1	1
Bethel	Morgan	J. D. McClanahan	J. C. Love	Hartsell	102	2	8	1	8			104					2	2
Bethany	Lawrence	M. M. Roberts	J. W. Owens	Town Creek	62	5	8		3	7		65		65			3	1
Blue Springs	Morgan	J. E. Weaver	M. M. Bridges	Blue Springs	118	8			2			124					2	2
Cave Springs	Morgan	J. D. McClanahan	J. J. Collier	Priceville	16	3						17					1	1
Central, New Decatur	Morgan	W. M. Blackwelder	J. A. Thomason	Decatur	98	26	14	10				128		10	50	Every S.	1	1
Cherry Hill	Franklin				20							20					1	1
Danville	Morgan	W. T. Cobbs	W. A. Petty	Danville	25	4			3			29		8	43		1	1
Decatur	Morgan	J. D. McClanahan	W. W. Garnet	Decatur	56	6	9		3			55		37	5	40	Every S.	1
Etha	Cullman	J. D. McClanahan	J. B. Kellar	Fall Creek	57	1	3					58					3	3
Enon	Lawrence	J. Gunn	C. T. Wallace	Danville	194	21	4	15	5	3		197					1	1
Friendship	Morgan	J. D. McClanahan	C. C. Crow	Danville	43							22					3	3
Fallville	Morgan	C. V. Thompson	T. L. Simpson	Fallville	28	5	3					33					4	4
Furnace Hill	Colbert	O. E. Comstock	G. M. Bridges	Shelby	12							12					1	1
Gum Springs	Lawrence	Isaac Bradford	W. Bond	Hatton	53	4			2	9	1	57		1	45	Every S.	1	1
Gum Springs	Morgan	J. B. Huckabee	T. J. Pannel	Fallville	66	5	5		2	1		72					1	1
Harmony	Lawrence	R. T. Wear	J. S. Howell	Moulton	58	1			1			56		6	36		4	4
Hillsboro	Morgan	W. T. Cobbs	W. J. Cottingham	Hillsboro	18							18					1	1
Hopewell	Morgan	W. T. Cobbs	D. J. Orr	Danville	119				9			108					4	4
Hartsell	Morgan	H. J. Hallbrooks	E. F. Johnson	Hartsell	51		5					48		4	46		2	1
Isbell	Franklin	J. W. Devenau	L. L. Jackson	Isbell	17	15	23					1			40		1	1
Lebanon	Morgan	J. B. Huckabee	W. H. Jenkins	Fallville	55	23	1		7	1		71					4	1
Liberty	Lawrence	John Speer	W. J. Young	Town Creek	71	2	2					75					2	2
Macedonia	Franklin	Mike Finney	J. M. Rucker	Newburg	74		1		7	18		90					3	3
Macedonia	Morgan	J. Speer	A. W. Sykes	Flint	60				14	15		31					4	4
Mouns Zion	Morgan	W. G. W. Smith	W. H. H. Thompson	Hartsell	65	16	10					82					2	1
Moun Zion	Lawrence	J. D. Dawson	T. M. Jackson	Edmond	20	14	2		3	2		36					1	1
Moun Nebo	Franklin	R. T. Wear	E. J. Byers	Russville	35	2	9					46					3	1
Moun Nebo	Morgan	J. D. McClanahan	R. B. Gibson	Massy	84	1		2	5	3		79		6	40		4	4
Mission Grove	Lawrence		John Yates	Courtland								12					1	1
Moun Hope	Lawrence	R. T. Wear	G. W. Jackson	Mt. Hope	28	4	1	3				30					3	1
Moulton	Lawrence	J. Gunn	H. B. Irwin	Moulton	45		5		5			45		5	57		4	1
Moun Pisgah	Morgan	J. Gunn	H. A. McClellan	Flint	79				4			77		7	69		1	1
New Hope	Lawrence	J. R. Blackman	W. H. Crow	Courtland	26	3	3					24					1	1
New Prospect	Lawrence	L. A. Wear	M. H. Masterson	Landersville	66	3		2	5	4		60					1	1
New Friendship	Morgan	James Roan	J. L. Wright	Somerville	34	3			1	1		40					2	2
New Centre	Morgan	W. E. Wright	S. T. Wright	Somerville	43							40					1	1
New Decatur	J. J. W. Sandlin		J. R. Hardin	New Decatur	51	28	21	1	6	1		94		7	100	Every S.	1	1
Oklon	Lawrence	Isaac Bradford	R. Butler	Flint	50	6	5		1			60					2	1
Pleasant Grove	Lawrence	T. R. Bragg	Rush Stockton	Moulton	38		1					53					3	1
Russville	Franklin	A. J. Preston	P. Clay	Russville	112	19	11					135		7	75	Every S.	1	1
Rocky Creek	Morgan	J. E. Weaver	M. K. Oden	Lawrence Cove	26	1			5			22					1	1
Sheffield	Colbert	A. E. Burns	E. Evans	Sheffield	40							46		9	50	Every S.	1	1
Salem	Lawrence	L. A. Wear	H. E. Weatherwax	Moulton	70	11	1	3	8			71					1	1
Shoat Creek	Morgan	J. E. Weaver	R. K. Daniel	Priceville	24				4			28					4	4
Somerville	Morgan	J. Speer	Mrs. M. E. Peck	Somerville	78				4	1		83					1	1
Pleasant Hill	Morgan	J. Gunn	W. R. Simpson	Simpson	96	6	2		5			103		3	20		4	1
Shady Grove	Morgan	W. T. Cobbs	J. A. Moore	Cityville	38	1	7		1			47		5	51		1	1
Tuscumbia	Colbert	A. E. Burns	C. A. Womble	Tuscumbia	60	10			4	1		75		8	65	Every S.	1	1
Town Creek	Lawrence	R. T. Wear	J. W. Jackson	Mt. Hope	174	4	2					169		7	60	2d & 4th	1	1
Valhermosa Springs	Morgan				31							34					3	3
Zion	Lawrence				34							31					1	1
Mount Stanley	Lawrence				16							16					1	1
Total					3167	204	203	17	184	10	95	29	3325	114	1174		9	23

\* Reported last year. Net increase 158. Mt Pleasant church not represented for three years, if dissolved do not know it.

Names of Churches dismissed to other Associations: Tharp Spring Church to Big Bear Creek Association.

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Financial Exhibit of Muscle Shoals Association, 1893.

CHURCHES	State Missions.		Home Missions		Foreign Missions		Bible and Colportage		Ministerial Education		Minutes	Association Voucher	Associational Purposes	Benevolence	School Expenses.	General Fund.		Total	Pastor's Salary	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, etc.,	Value of Buildings and Furniture.
	Cash	Vchs	Cash	Vchs	Cash	Vchs	Cash	Vchs	Cash	Vchs						Cash	Vchs				
Bethel (L)									2 50		1 00		Cash					13 50			400 00
Bethel (M)											1 00		1 45					7 45			300 00
Bethany											1 00		1 25		2 05			4 30			300 00
Blue Springs													5 50					5 50			400 00
Cave Springs													4 00					4 00			
Cherry Hill																					
Central, New Decatur	12	45 47		6 34		7 19		88			2 00			40 00				102 00	542 06	44 60	5000 00
Danville						3 36							46 55			10 00		59 91	75 00		1200 00
Decatur,						4 65					1 00		8 85			15 00		39 85	130 00	25 25	3000 00
Etha											50	1 65	1 40					3 05			300 00
Enon					3 75				2 50		1 05		7 33			75		14 33			500 00
Friendship										1 00	1 00		5 00				1 05		45 00		200 00
Falkville					5 00					1 00	1 00		5 00				12 00				400 00
Furnace Hill															11 00		11 00		10 00		400 00
Gum Springs (L)											50		3 53		11 00		4 05				50 00
Gum Springs (M)										1 00	6 50						7 50				
Harmony									2 50			10 00				2 50	3 65	18 65			
Hillsboro		5 00		1 74		2 00					11 74				5 00		24 48		15 00		2250 00
Hopewell										1 50			41 75				6 72	8 22			1000 00
Hartsell													15 00				22 75				
Isbell																	15 00	100 00			
Lebanon																					
Liberty											1 25	3 50	3 08					7 83			
Macedonia (F)											50		5 00				8 50				250 00
Macedonia (M)											1 00		5 00				6 00				400 00
Mount Zion (L)											25		2 50				2 75				200 0

Total Collections at Churches	12/16.61	\$ 861 08
Collection at Association	3.00	18 56
Orphans Home	256.61	30
Individual Pledges for Education		1 00
Individual Pledges for Missions,		5 00

Total

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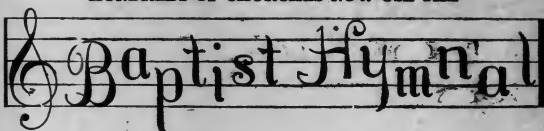
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